GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Dept. - Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal now at Gandepalli Mandal - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rule, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 162 Dated: 24-03-2021

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.852, PR&RD(Vig.II) Dept., dt.23.09.2016.
3. From Govt.Memo.No.8292/Vig.III/16, dt.23.09.2016.
4. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.6513/CPR&RD/E2.Vig/2016, dt.19.06.2017.
5. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.1066128/CPR&RD/Vig/2016, dt.30.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer, Katheru Gram Panchayat now at Gandepalli Mandal in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule (20) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witness by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III and Annexure –IV).

3. Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer, Katheru Gram Panchayat now at Gandepalli Mandal is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date receipt of this order.

4. Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer, Katheru Gram Panchayat now at Gandepalli Mandal is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer, Katheru Gram Panchayat now at Gandepalli Mandal is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions o Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the order / directions issued in pursuance of said rules, the Inquiry authority hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available.

(P.T.O)

6. Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer, Katheru Gram Panchayat now at Gandepalli Mandal is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964, under which no government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged along with Annexures I, II, III and IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal now at Gandepalli Mandal through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (2 copies) (With a request to serve Original Notice on the Charged Officer with dated signature and send the same for record).
Sc/Sf.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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(Contd-Annexures.I to IV)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.MAHESWARA PRATAP, THE THEN EXTENSION OFFICER (PR&RD), RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT GANDEPALLI MANDAL.

Article of Charge:-

That the said Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, while working as Special Officer of Katheru Gram Panchayat of Rajamahendravaram Mandal has involved in issuing cheque on the name of trader instead of firm name and made cash payments to the trader by violating AP Financial Code.

Thus, Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal and Special Officer of Katheru Gram Panchayat by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STAMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.MAHESWARA PRATAP, THE THEN EXTENSION OFFICER (PR&RD), RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT GANDEPALLI MANDAL

Based on the complaint petition received from Hon'ble MLA Sri Gorantla Buchaiah Choudary, the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of misuse of Panchayat funds, formation of irregular layouts & unauthorized building constructions by the Panchayat Secretaries of Bommuru, Katheru, Hukumpeta and Pidimgoyyi Gram Panchayats of Rajahmundry Rural Mandal with the collusion of higher authorities causing irreparable loss to the Govt. income, and as per Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016, it was found that misuse of panchayat funds, not maintained purchase bills & Registers, issuing cheques against codal provisions and 14 Buildings in Bommuru, 13 buildings in Katheru, 69 buildings in Hukumpeta and 30 Buildings in Pidimgoyyi villages are constructed by violating approved plan of concerned Panchayat secretaries. The village wise list of misuse of GP funds and unauthorized buildings is appended to the V&E report.

In compliance of the Section.30 of A.P.P.R. Act, 1994, the Special Officer is having the same powers of the Sarapanch of that Panchayt. According to that section, before giving approval to expenditure and issuing cheques, they should scrutinize properly. But then Special Officer of Katheru Gram panchayat failed to do so and simply issued cheque due to which huge amount of Panchayat funds were diverted. The GA (V&E) Department has proposed to initiate action against Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal.

(P.T.O)

Sri B.Maheswara Pratap, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule (3) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.MAHESWARA PRATAP, FORMER EXTENSION OFFICER (PR&RD), RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT GANDEPALLI MANDAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Vigilance Report No.36(C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.MAHESWARA PRATAP, FORMER EXTENSION OFFICER (PR&RD), RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT GANDEPALLI MANDAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

----- NIL --------

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